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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Original) A dental treatment composition which comprises a particulate erasing agent, the particles of the erasing agent being dimensioned to roll along a surface, wherein the particles have an average maximum diameter of between 30 and 1000 microns.

Claim 2. (Original) A dental treatment composition as claimed in Claim 1 in which the particles of the erasing agent comprise a precipitate or aggregate of an insoluble alkali metal carbonate.

Claim 3. (Original) A dental treatment composition as claimed in Claim 2 in which the particles of the erasing agent comprise a precipitate or aggregate of insoluble calcium carbonate.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) A dental treatment composition as claimed in ~~any preceding Claim~~ Claim 1 in which the particles have an average hardness of between 1 and 10 Mohs.

Claim 5. (Original) A dental treatment composition as claimed in Claim 5 in which the particles have a hardness of between 2 and 4 Mohs.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) A dental treatment composition as claimed in ~~any preceding Claim~~ Claim 1 in which the particles are generally round.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) A dental treatment composition as claimed in Claim 1 in which the particulate erasing agent comprises between 3 and 75% of the total composition (W/W).

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) A dental treatment composition as claimed in ~~any preceding Claim~~ Claim 1 in the form of a paste, gel or powder.

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Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A dental treatment composition as claimed in ~~any of Claims 1 to 7~~ Claim 1 which is a toothpaste, a toothgel, a polishing paste or a powder additive.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) In combination, a dental treatment composition according to ~~any of Claims 1 to 9~~ Claim 1, contained within a dispenser or package for the composition.

Claim 11. (Original) The combination of Claim 10 in which the dispenser comprises a deformable tube.

Claim 12. (Original) Use of a particulate erasing agent as claimed in Claim 25 in a dental treatment composition, ~~wherein the particles of the erasing agent are dimensioned to roll along a surface, and have an average maximum diameter of between 30 and 1000 microns.~~

Claim 13. (Original) The use of Claim 12 wherein the particles of the erasing agent comprise a precipitate or aggregate of an insoluble alkali metal carbonate such as calcium carbonate.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) The use of ~~Claims 12 or 13~~ Claim 12 in which the dental treatment composition is a toothpaste, a toothgel, a polishing paste or a powder additive.

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) A method of treating teeth comprising the steps of:

- applying a suitable amount of a dental treatment composition of ~~any of Claims 1 to 11~~
Claim 1 onto a suitable applicator for the composition;
- using the applicator to rub the composition onto a surface of the teeth such that at least some of the particles of the erasing agent roll along at least a portion of the teeth; and
- rinsing the composition off the teeth.

Claim 16. (Original) A method according to Claim 15 in which the applicator is a toothbrush, an interdental toothbrush, or a soft rubber cup.

Claim 17. (Original) Use of a particulate erasing agent as claimed in Claim 25 to clean hard surfaces, ~~wherein the particles of the erasing agent are dimensioned to roll along a surface, and have an average maximum diameter of between 30 and 1000 microns.~~

Claim 18. (Original) A hard surface cleaning composition comprising a particulate erasing agent as claimed in to Claim 25 and a carrier for the erasing agent, ~~wherein the particles of the erasing agent are dimensioned to roll along a surface, and have an average maximum diameter of between 30 and 1000 microns.~~

Claim 19. (Original) A hard surface cleaning composition as claimed in Claim 18 in the form of a liquid, cream, gel or paste.

Claim 20. (Original) Use of a particulate erasing agent as claimed in Claim 25 to exfoliate skin, ~~wherein the particles of the erasing agent are dimensioned to roll along a surface, and have an average maximum diameter of between 30 and 1000 microns.~~

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Claim 21. (Original) A skin exfoliating composition comprising a particulate erasing agent as claimed in Claim 25 and a carrier for the erasing agent, wherein the particles of the erasing agent are dimensioned to roll along a surface, and have an average maximum diameter of between 30 and 1000 microns.

Claim 22. (Original) A skin exfoliating composition as claimed in Claim 21 in the form of a liquid, cream, gel or solid.

Claim 23. (Original) Use of a particulate erasing agent as claimed in Claim 25 in a shower gel or liquid body wash product, wherein the particles of the erasing agent are dimensioned to roll along a surface, and have an average maximum diameter of between 30 and 1000 microns.

Claim 24. (Original) Use of a particulate erasing agent as claimed in Claim 25 to absorb liquid hydrocarbons, wherein the particles of the erasing agent are dimensioned to roll along a surface, and have an average maximum diameter of between 30 and 1000 microns.

Claim 25. (New) A particulate erasing agent comprising particles of the erasing agent dimensioned to roll along a surface, and having an average maximum diameter of between 30 and 1000 microns.